

# TOGETHER IN FAITH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



## A Letter from the Pastor: Living Faith by Example

By Pastor Tim Ehling -- Mission Developer for the Kettle River Cooperative

Dear Disciples of Christ in this Holy Cooperative,

With the jump start into fall activities beginning this month. School, Sunday school, and Confirmation starting. Seniors, in high school, beginning the "last time" for all things. College students heading off to new experiences. Parents letting go and trusting their child and God to this amazing and crazy world. As I was thinking about all of that about to unfold this month, I was reminded of an article my friend Kevin wrote years ago of parenting/faith statistics.

There is probably nothing more important to a parent than their children. Most parents would even

jeopardize their own health and life for their children. But even though so many parents would die for their children, I wonder how many live for their children? How many parents live their life the way they want their children to live? Do you?

Some interesting statistics for you to know and think about:

1. If your parents worshiped with you regularly while you were growing up, chances are 80% that you will worship regularly, too.
2. If only your mother worshiped regularly with you, chances are only 30% that you will worship regularly.

### Sunday Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 8:00am

Oak Lake Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 11:15am

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- But, if your father worshiped with you regularly, chances are still 70% that you will worship regularly as an adult.

It seems obvious from these statistics that dads have a large role in the faith formation of their children. Our children want to know what is important in their parents' lives and they look at the way life is lived to prove what is important. If you stay home from worship to watch a football game, or go hunting, or work on your race car, or just sleep in there is nothing wrong or ungodly about that. But your children will see what is really important to you even if you tell them faith is.

**“Maybe it is time we take inventory of what is truly important in our lives.”**

Jake learned how to be a man from his father. He learned how to work hard. He learned how to fix cars. He learned how to hold a solid job and make money. But his dad never came to worship. Church was **not important** to his dad. Church was **not important** to Jake either. So, when Jake was confirmed in 8th grade it was the last time I saw him in church. Jake had learned at an early age that worshipping the one you believe in was not something one needed to be focused on. There were other life activities that were more important. Is worship important to you? What is it you are teaching your children by example?

Maybe it is time that we parents sit down and take an inventory of what is truly important in our lives. Then we need to live out those values, if not for ourselves, we need to do it for our children.

God's peace and strong presence be with you and your family.

## News for September

### Oak Lake WELCA

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** - Come help set up for Fall Fest in the morning, enjoy a luncheon at noon, and business meeting to follow. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to all who donated school supplies!

### WELCA Fall Festival

All are invited to the WELCA Fall Festival at Oak Lake Church on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-2pm!** Enjoy crafts, gently used and new items, a quilt raffle and silent auction. A luncheon of soup, sandwiches, and pies will be served. The Farmer's Market will be open during the festival. Come join the fun—you'll be glad you did!

### Save the Date!

The **Kettle River Conference WELCA Fall Gathering** is set for **Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at Oak Lake. More news to come!

### Confirmation & Sunday School Return!

A parents' meeting for all youth entering Confirmation will be held on **September 10 at 6 PM.**

Confirmation classes begin on **September 17** for youth in **7th grade and up** and Sunday School for children in **6th grade and under.** Both will meet from **6-7:30 PM** at Oak Lake Lutheran Church.

### Volunteer Appreciation Spotlight: Thank You, Janet Sway & Julie Domogalla!

A big thank-you to **Janet Sway** and **Julie Domogalla** for their time and dedication in gathering and sharing monthly updates from each of our churches. Your behind-the-scenes work has kept us all connected - we truly appreciate it!

### Oak Lake Farmer's Market

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the market and to all who joined us for coffee and conversation throughout the summer! We also appreciate those who volunteered as coffee hosts—it made our gatherings extra special. The regular market wrapped up on August 30th, but don't miss the final market of the season at the **WELCA Fall Festival on September 20th.** Bring along any extra produce to share!

### Questions or Content Submissions

If you have questions or would like to submit content for the **Trinity & Oak Lake newsletter**, the **Trinity Facebook page**, or the **Kettle River Church Cooperative website & Facebook page**, please contact **Amy Nos** at [ajnos16@hotmail.com](mailto:ajnos16@hotmail.com) or **218-481-5636**. She would be happy to help!

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm at Trinity	4	5	6
7 Trinity Worship 8am  OL Worship 11:15am	8	9	10 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm at Trinity  Confirmation Parents' meeting 6pm at Oak Lake	11 Auxiliary 3pm at Trinity	12 Legion 6pm at Trinity	13
14 Trinity Worship 8am - Potluck to follow  OL Event Mtg 10:15am  OL Worship 11:15am	15 Health Council 4:30pm at Oak Lake	16 OL WELCA - meet in AM  Oak Lake / Trinity / Joint Council 6:30pm at Oak Lake	17 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm at Trinity  Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	18	19	20 Oak Lake WELCA Fall Festival 10am-2pm
21 Trinity Worship 8am  OL Property Mtg 10am  OL Worship 11:15am	22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm at Trinity  Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	25	26	27
28 Trinity Worship 8am  OL Worship with Potluck 11:15am	29	30		<u>OL Worship helpers:</u> Altar Guild: Volunteer(s) Readers: Anne Marie & Mareta Communion Server: Volunteers needed Acolyte: Volunteers Greeters: Volunteers Sunday Coffee Hosts: Volunteers		